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Integrated Authority File (GND) data service: Test data original script entry

Dear Sir or Madam

In our letter issued on 2 August 2012¹ we informed you of our plans regarding the entry of "original script" in the Integrated Authority File (GND).

A test file containing examples is now available to download from our test servers:

- WWW access: <http://datendienst.dnb.de/cgi-bin/mabit.pl?userID=testdat&pass=testdat&cmd=login>
- FTP access: <ftp://mabtest:mabtest@ftp.dnb.de/>

Name of files:

- GNDTestOrigKat.mrc (in MARC 21)
- GNDTestOrigKatmrc.xml (in MARC21-XML)

Further information can also be obtained from the "Originalschrift in der GND" paper dated 27 July 2012².

The two original script subfields \$9U: (script) and \$9L: (language) in authority records are to be set up in the near future. This will create the technical conditions required for productive entry of name forms in the original script.

In terms of GND application, certain technical aspects need to be clarified by the authority data users; for this reason we have decided not to take advantage of the original technically feasible launch date of 1 October, rather to consult on these technical questions in the second week of October. We will notify you as soon as the new date has been set.

¹ <http://www.dnb.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/EN/DNB/service/rundschreiben20120802GndOriginalschriftlicheErfassungEN.pdf>

² <http://www.dnb.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/EN/DNB/service/rundschreiben20120717originalschriftInDerGndEN.pdf>

Comprehensive documentation regarding the GND format can be obtained from our website³.
The text of this circular will be available shortly on our homepage under Digital Services⁴.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to mail us at datendienste@dnb.de or phone us on the usual numbers.

Best regards,

- Heike Eichenauer

*** Visit us on Stand L435 in Hall 4.2 at the Frankfurt Book Fair from 10 to 14 October 2012 ***

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³ http://www.dnb.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/DE/DNB/standardisierung/gnd_marc_datenformat_1.1.pdf

⁴ <http://www.dnb.de/DE/Service/DigitaleDienste/Datendienst/rundschreibenDatendienst.html>